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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

<u>IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PRINTER DRIVER, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM</u>

the specification of which:
(check one)

    ___   *is attached hereto.*

   <u>X</u>   *was filed on*   <u>November 28, 2005</u>   *as*

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and was amended _____
         (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)   *Priority Claimed*

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Patent Application(s)				
<u>2004-344602</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>November 29, 2004</u>	X	__
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